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The Newsletter by and for the Members of the Housatonic Chapter of The Construction Specifications Institute

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with what's happening in the Housatonic Chapter

Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month for our regular meeting, dinner and some education.

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Plymouth MA
May 28 - May 30
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Spring/Summer 2020

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Tuesday, January 21

Chapter Meeting

time/location:

6:00 pm,
Citrus Restaurant, Milford

program:

*"Down to the Wire:
Preparing Your Green
Building Project for
the Internet of Things"*
Patrick Cuddy of
Regional Solutions and
Consultants

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 18

Chapter Meeting

time/location:

6:00 pm,
Citrus Restaurant, Milford

program:

"The Capital Project"
Art Sanders, AIA CSI
Hoffman Architects

Happy New Year!

Hello Housatonians,

Happy New Year to our chapter members. As the cliché would have it, 2020 has clear hindsight and what might be your vision for the coming year? Let us start the year off right with attending the January chapter meeting. As usual, Roy & Ross have come up with an electrifying topic for our gathering. Be sure to confirm attendance with Roy via his email.

Our Holiday Gathering at Biagio's Osteria was an enjoyable kick-off to the holiday season. Members and their guests enjoyed the holiday feast from appetizers through entrées to dessert. Attendees were treated to a chocottone for breakfast the next morning! Thank you for the generosity of chapter members who contributed to our holiday charitable giving to Connecticut Children's Medical Center. A Housatonic chapter tradition continues.

In a far-sighted thought, we have scheduled our ever-popular April Specifier's Roundtable. This is a joint meeting with the Hartford Chapter. I do not like identifying a program as an annual event, but this one should have that recognition.

I am working on the Tiny Home visit in Stratford, Connecticut for May. More information will be forthcoming. This will be an opportunity to consider downsizing.

See you in Milford,

Bill Selski, CSI, CDT, RA;
President, CSI Housatonic Chapter

Interested in attending?
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Education and Events:

Housatonic Chapter 2019 Holiday Party

Biagio's Osteria, Stratford, CT



CHAPTER DONATIONS:

This year the Chapter donated a total of \$375. Thanks to all that contributed to such a worthy and noble cause.



**Tuesday
January 21
2020**

“Down to the Wire: Preparing Your Green Building Project for the Internet of Things (IoT).”

Join us for a discussion on the future of digital green buildings and how new and leading technologies are connecting people, building systems and personal devices for a next-generation experience in today's built environment.

The future of digital green buildings is here and it comes with a host of benefits-from sleek design to improved occupant health and wellbeing and reduced energy use and cost. Though often overlooked, sustainable cabling enables digital green buildings to be more adaptive and efficient than ever before.

With the advent of the Digital Building, building designers and contractors have become accustomed to utilizing conspicuous PVC-jacketed cables to connect their network-enabled technologies, lighting, HVAC, sound masking, access control and sensing. But there's now a more streamlined, efficient and effective alternative that also advances occupant well-being and energy efficiency. Digital Building applications can now be powered and controlled over IP using Red-List free Ethernet cabling. These hidden cables within this IoT system greatly improve energy efficiency, reduce CAPEX, OPEX, TCO, maintenance and installation costs and enable occupants to customize their environment to support their well-being and productivity. Manufactured sustainably and designed to have a limited environmental impact, this technology contributes to all green building standards, including LEED, WELL or LBC through Living Product Challenge certification, Declare labels, EPDs, HPDs, etc. all found in digital platforms like Portico and mindful MATERIALS.

During this presentation, we will review this new technology platform in parallel with its current application in a new Marriott Autograph Hotel of the Future in Fort Worth, TX.

CSI Northeast Region Conference 2020

Longevity | Durability | Resiliency

May 28, 2020 - May 30, 2020

Hotel 1620, Plymouth, MA

Save the date to join us in “America’s Hometown” for the 2020 CSI Northeast Region Conference on May 28th through May 30th!

In 2020, Plymouth will be celebrating their 400th anniversary.

How fitting for this year’s theme of Longevity, Durability, and Resiliency!

If you haven’t been to Plymouth since your elementary school field trip, well you’re in for a treat!

This charming town is full of rich history, a bustling downtown, and that fresh, salty air. Where old world meets modern culture, there are experiences for everyone to enjoy!

Stay tuned! Programming, events, and sponsorship opportunities are to come.

We hope to see you there!

CDT Registration and Exam

Your professional success is CSI's top priority! Demonstrate your knowledge, skill and industry commitment with a CSI certification.

CSI certifications are offered during spring and fall testing windows each year.

Spring 2020 CDT Exam

Registration, Feb 19 – Mar 19	\$375 member/\$625 non-member
Late registration, Mar 20 – May 20	\$545 member/\$795 non-member
Student registration	\$165 with valid ID

Exam Window: April 20 – May 22, 2020 (CDT only)

Pass/Fail notification: June 2020

Beginning in 2019, CSI certification exams will undertake a new approach to passing score analysis for the full population of test takers.

This means notifications for pass/fail status will be sent to each candidate approximately 2-3 weeks after the testing window closes.

Based on demand, international sites may be scheduled in Spring 2020. Please contact certification@csinet.org to request an international testing site (additional fees will apply).

More info here: <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/cdt>

Master SPECIFIERS RETREAT



January 29-31, 2020

The Langham Huntington Pasadena
Los Angeles, California

Bring your project specs and get one-on-one feedback from manufacturers who know. At this popular two-day retreat, have your technical project information reviewed during one-on-one meetings between you and your building product manufacturers.

More Info: <https://www.csiresources.org/learning/msr>

Design News:

BIG and Toyota reveal designs for city of the future



Danish architecture firm [Bjarke Ingels Group](#) (BIG) has revealed designs for a prototype ‘city’ of the future called Woven City for Japanese automotive company [Toyota](#) on a 71-ha (175-acre) site at the base of Mt. Fuji in Japan.

Woven City will be a fully connected ecosystem powered by hydrogen fuel cells. Envisioned as a ‘living laboratory,’ the city will serve as a home to full-time residents and researchers who will be able to test and develop technologies such as autonomy, robotics, personal mobility, smart homes, and artificial intelligence (AI) in a real-world environment.

Read More:

https://www.constructionspecifier.com/big-and-toyota-reveal-designs-for-city-of-the-future/?qnewsletter=20200114&en_click=1&utm_campaign=2020-01-14&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=news

Zaha Hadid Architects’ all-wood stadium approved



[Zaha Hadid Architects](#) have received planning permission for Eco Park Stadium in Gloucestershire, England, which will be the new home of Forest Green Rovers Football Club.

The stadium will be the centerpiece of the £100-million Eco Park development—England-based energy company Ecotricity’s 40-ha (100-acre) sports and green technology business park proposal.

Read More:

https://www.constructionspecifier.com/zaha-hadid-architects-all-wood-stadium-approved/?qnewsletter=20200114&en_click=1&utm_campaign=2020-01-14&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=news

Tech News:

Getting it right: Wood flooring over a concrete subfloor



Article by Jason Spangler

The visual appeal of a wood floor is hard to match. Most people experience a certain joy when entering a building where wood has been used generously. They may not be able to put their finger on exactly why they react favorably to wood—it may be the touch of elegance or the warm glow they sense, but whatever it is, the positive impression is indisputable.

Wood’s advantages are more than skin deep

Wood flooring offers more advantages than just aesthetic appeal in both homes and commercial settings. It is easy to clean and is significantly more stain-resistant than carpeting. Wood is also strong and durable, and if properly cared for, its hard surface can last for decades. When a wood floor shows signs of wear from years of regular use, many can simply be refinished rather than replaced entirely. Wood floors also add value to any building, increasing the resale value by as much as 10 percent or more.

Read full article:

https://www.constructionspecifier.com/getting-it-right-wood-flooring-over-a-concrete-subfloor/?qnewsletter=20200107&en_click=1&utm_campaign=2020-01-07&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_content=features

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Chapter Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2019

Present: President William Selski; Treasurer Roy C. Olsen; Secretary Jay Strother; Director(s) Ross Spiegel, Art Sanders, Bruce Wujcik; Advisor to the Board Chris Meyers

Call to Order 5:04 PM at Citrus in Milford, CT

SECRETARY: *Strother: presented October minutes. Motion Spiegel, second Olsen, Approved*

TREASURER: *Roy C. Olsen: presented October report. Motion Sanders, second Spiegel. Approved*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

1. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS LIAISON: *Vacancy - No Report.*
2. ADVERTISING: *Erin Kesegi – No Report.*
3. AWARDS: *Chris Meyers – Meyers will be meeting with Wujcik to begin nominating process..*
4. CERTIFICATION: *George Rosamond – No Report.*
5. EDUCATION: *Roy Olsen – Tonight’s presentation does not offer CEU*
6. MEMBERSHIP: *Roy Olsen –30 Members (25 Professional, 1 Emeritus, 1 Lifetime, 1 Emerging Professional)*
7. PROGRAMS:
 - o January Legrand Ross Spiegel
 - o February Capital Project Art Sanders
 - o March Open TBD
 - o April Specifiers’ Roundtable Housatonic and Hartford Chapters
 - o May Tiny Homes Bill Selski; Site visit / food truck
<https://www.craftandsprout.com> for Tiny Homes information
 - o June Presidents’ Night Bill Selski TBD
8. SPEXPert: *request for articles and topics for newsletter*

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. *Chapter Merchandise: No pins sales last month.*
- b. *Guidelines for proper Board of Directors conduct: Ongoing – Goal is report in January*
- c. *Chapter Web Presence: Attempting to have Housatonic merchandise posting on Chapter website*
- d. *Officer Name Tags; Spelling of all names correct.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Working to develop contact list from attendees of the Regional Conference.

REGION BUSINESS:

Terri Bracken’s presentation tonight was given previously at the Regional Board Meeting. Presentation is focused on developing more valuable chapter meeting in the hopes of increasing membership.

INSTITUTE BUSINESS:

No report.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE CHAPTER:

Condolences for passing of Al Rourke's wife. Chapter to send card.

Holiday Party – please bring check to make donation to the Children's Medical Center.

NEXT MEETING:

Holiday Party – December 10th Biagio's Osteria. 6:00PM. \$45.00/per person. Board meeting to take place immediately prior to the party

ADJOURNMENT:

Selski motioned; Sanders seconded. Adjournment at 5:41 pm.

The above entries may not be chronologically correct. Shifting of subject matter was made to group subject matter together. The foregoing represents the essential items covered and discussed as well as decisions arrived at during the meeting.

END MEETING MINUTES



Founded in 1948, CSI is a national association of more than 8,000 experts in building construction and the materials used therein. We are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information through:

- A diversified membership base of allied professionals involved in the creation and management of the built environment. Join us!
- Continuous development and transformation of standards and formats.
- Education and certification of professionals to improve project delivery processes.
- Creation of practice tools to assist users throughout the facility life-cycle.

Food for Thought:

Constructive Thoughts: blog by Sheldon Wolfe

<http://swconstructivethoughts.blogspot.com/>

"Let's Fix Construction" – industry related blog.

<http://www.letsfixconstruction.com/>

The Construction Specifier - the official magazine of CSI

<https://www.constructionspecifier.com/>

Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice – informational website

<http://www.scip.com/>

Lean Architecture – blog and resources

<http://www.leanarchitecture.com/>

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Notes from the Editor:

The intention of this monthly publication is to keep members and affiliates of the CSI Housatonic Chapter up to date on the activities of the chapter and other pertinent Design & Construction industry news and events. This will be an open forum for all, if you wish to contribute to the content or have read some articles that you feel might serve our community please submit them to the Editor for consideration. Thank you.....*Bruce Wujcik, AIA, CSI*

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